

EDIC Case No. 30
Control No. 487416
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SUBJECT

The USSR Petrochemical Industry

REQUESTING AGENCY AND DATE

Department of Commerce, 9 June 1958

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF INFORMATION

As soon as possible.

PROPOSED USE

To complement a technical study of certain petrochemical plants sought by the USSR for import from the United States.

REFERENCE

Memorandum to Chairman of EDIC from Forrest D. Hockersmith, Department of Commerce member, 9 June 1958.

BACKGROUND

The Department of Commerce (BFC) has received export license applications for the sale and export to the USSR of nine various types of petrochemical plants. These applications are currently under study in BFC and are in the process of being documented for consideration by the Advisory Committee on Export Policy. In connection with this documentation, BFC has indicated that appropriate intelligence information would be helpful.

ACTION REQUESTED

EDIC is requested to prepare (a) a summary on the present state of development of the USSR petrochemical industries and plans for their short-term and long-term expansion, and (b) an evaluation in this context of the importance of the specific plants which the USSR desires to import from the United States.

ASSIGNMENT OF PRODUCTION RESPONSIBILITY

CIA is assigned responsibility for this project.

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